Dentists in Government hospitals.

298. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hospitals to which dentists are appointed at present; and

(*b*) whether the Kottayam District Hospital has any dentist attached to it?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Dentist is appointed only in the General Hospital, Trivandrum.

(*b*) No.

Kottayam Municipal Council.

299. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Assistant Inspector of Schools at Kottayam is a member of the Kottayam Municipal Council;

(*b*) whether it was not the practice to nominate Assistant Inspectors of Schools to the Kottayam Municipal Council;

(*c*) whether the present Assistant Inspector of Schools at Kottayam was ever a member of the Kottayam Municipal Council;

(*d*) if he ever was, and if he is not a councillor at present, what are the reasons for suddenly terminating his councillorship; and

(*e*) what were the reasons that weighed with Government to make such a sudden departure from the practice of nominating Assistant Inspectors to the Municipal Council?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Assistant Inspector of Schools was an ex-officio councillor

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) and (*e*) In the absence of a Health Officer for the town, Government considered the presence of an officer of the Public Health Department in the Council was more essential in the interests of the public health of the town than that of an officer of the Education Department.

Medical officers in Municipal Councils.

300. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any municipality in Travancore where Government have nominated two medical officers to the council?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. In the Kottayam Municipality.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know why in Kottayam alone two Medical Officers have been nominated?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The two Medical Officers belong to two different departments, one to the Medical Department and the other to the Public Health Department. The latter has been made a member of the Council very recently. Since Kottayam Municipality has no separate Health Officer, Government thought that he would be useful to the Council in giving advice on matters relating to Public Health

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